

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATIONS ON ADEQUACY

in

Tapered Roller Bearings, 4 Inches and Under From Japan, Inv. No. AA-143 (Review)
Tapered Roller Bearings From China, Hungary, Japan, and Romania, Inv. Nos. TA-341, 343-345 (Review)
Antifriction Bearings (Other Than Tapered Roller Bearings) From Germany, France, Italy, Japan, Romania, Singapore, Sweden, and the United Kingdom, Inv. Nos. TA-391-397, 399 (Review)

On July 2, 1999, the Commission determined that it should proceed to full reviews in the subject five-year reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5)). The Commission, in consultation with the Department of Commerce, grouped these reviews because they involve similar domestic like products.¹

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With respect to the reviews on tapered roller bearings, the Commission determined that both domestic and respondent interested party group responses to its notice of institution were adequate for each of the three like products: tapered roller bearings; tapered roller bearings, 4 inches and under; and tapered roller bearings, over 4 inches.² The Commission consequently voted to conduct full reviews.

The Commission received responses from domestic producers who collectively account for most of U.S. production of each domestic like product. In the reviews on tapered roller bearings from Japan, the Commission received responses from foreign producers who represented most of the production of the subject merchandise and from U.S. importers of a majority of subject imports during 1998. The one Hungarian company that responded reportedly represented all Hungarian production of tapered roller bearings during 1998, and the Romanian respondent reportedly accounted for virtually all exports of subject merchandise from Romania to the United States during 1998. For China, the Commission received a response from an association and its participating members, all of whom were identified as producers or exporters of tapered roller bearings and whose exports to the United States were estimated to represent a substantial portion of Chinese production of the subject merchandise. The Chinese response provided company-specific data on production and U.S. exports for each participating member.

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With respect to the reviews on antifriction bearings other than tapered roller bearings, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group responses represented a substantial proportion of domestic production and were adequate for each domestic like product: ball bearings,

¹ See 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5)(D); 63 Fed. Reg. 29372, 29374 (May 29, 1998).

² Chairman Bragg found the Romanian interested party group response to be inadequate based upon the failure of any Romanian producer to respond to the notice of institution, but voted to conduct a full review to promote administrative efficiency in light of her determination to conduct full reviews of other orders in these grouped reviews.

cylindrical roller bearings, and spherical plain bearings.³

The Commission found that the respondent interested party group responses were adequate and voted to conduct full reviews with respect to all antifriction nontapered bearings from Germany, Italy, Japan, Romania,⁴ Singapore, and the United Kingdom, ball and spherical plain bearings from France, and ball bearings from Sweden.⁵

The Commission further found that the respondent interested party group responses were inadequate with respect to cylindrical roller bearings from Sweden and France in that no responses were received from any interested parties. The Commission nevertheless decided to conduct full reviews⁶ to promote administrative efficiency, in light of the Commission's decision to conduct full reviews with respect to all antifriction nontapered bearings from Germany, Italy, Japan, Romania, Singapore, and the United Kingdom, ball and spherical plain bearings from France, and ball bearings from Sweden.⁷

³ With respect to spherical plain bearings from France and Japan, Commissioner Crawford found that the respondent interested party group responses were adequate, but that the domestic interested party group responses were inadequate and voted to conduct expedited reviews. With respect to spherical plain bearings from Germany, Commissioner Crawford found that both the domestic and respondent interested party group responses were inadequate and voted to conduct an expedited review.

⁴ Chairman Bragg found the Romanian interested party group response to be inadequate based upon the failure of any Romanian producer to respond to the notice of institution, but voted to conduct a full review to promote administrative efficiency in light of her determination to conduct full reviews of other orders in these grouped reviews.

⁵ Commissioner Crawford found that the respondent interested party group responses were inadequate and voted to conduct expedited reviews with respect to cylindrical roller bearings from Germany, Italy, Japan and the United Kingdom. She also found that the respondent interested party group responses were inadequate with respect to ball bearings from France and Germany, but determined that circumstances warranted full reviews, given the fact that she voted to conduct full reviews with respect to ball bearings from Italy, Japan, Romania, Singapore, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. See 63 Fed. Reg. 30599, 30604 (June 5, 1998).

⁶ Commissioner Crawford dissenting.

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